

# Scott County Kicker.

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## CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.

The Kicker always likes to keep its readers thinking, and while you rejoice over the Savior that came 1905 years ago I want you to pause and ask yourself these questions:

1. What social conditions existed 1905 years ago that do not exist now?
2. If born in a manger—in poverty—would the "eminently respectable" have any more use for the Babe of Bethlehem now than then?
3. If unassuming, and reared in poverty, would not the Messiah today have to go among the "rabble" to select his apostles? Wouldn't the "money-changers" give Him the horse-laugh?
4. Isn't it about time for the arrival of another Savior?

## SHERIFF WATKINS GIVES BOND

Scott county's sheriff is again "on duty." Sometime during Wednesday night he agreed to appear at the April term of court and was released.

## HELD FOR MURDER.

While here "playing sheriff" Wednesday Coroner Cannon was called to Vanduser to hold an inquest over the body of Riley Cook, who was found dead in the calaboose that morning.

From the evidence it appeared that Riley Cook and John Edwards, both farm hands, had been drinking heavily in the saloon and became involved in a quarrel during which Edwards struck Cook several blows over the head with a beer bottle. Cook lay in the saloon speechless for three hours, when he was carried to the calaboose. The next morning he was dead.

J. A. Armstrong, F. Bryeaus, E. B. Cornstock, W. A. Hamilton, W. Page and D. J. Callow composed the jury. Coroner Cannon split the scalp of the dead man, found clotted blood and a depression of the skull. The jury held Edwards responsible and he was brought to Benton by Constable Walt Brown and locked up.

## AROUND BENTON.

Judge Albrecht, John Roth and Henry Eifert of the Lutheran settlement, near Illmo, were here Saturday paying taxes. The judge was as jovial as ever, while John seemed a little downcast because President Roosevelt neglected to send him that 160 acre farm in recognition of his being the father of twelve children. Henry seemed more interested in the deep well and suggested that they all take a drink.

What the organ was pleased to term its "crusade" against gambling and vice in Benton was evidently side-tracked until after the local saloon secures a renewal of the license that expires next month. Wonder who put the cork in that "crusade?"

Since the article on the first page was printed the Kicker learns that Thomas Snowden plead guilty to disturbing the peace of Miss Finley and was fined \$10 and costs by Squire Peal Tuesday.

Mrs. Andrew Fornes of Cape Girardeau came over Wednesday to visit her husband and friends for a few days. The Misses Ethel and Clara and their brother Herold are also here.

Chas. Halstead and son John of Blodgett, were in Benton Monday. Also Ed Koelker and Rudolph Schulz of Oran, C. B. Schitter of Bleda and Chas. Heuring of Commerce.

Dr. D. E. Sawyer, veterinarian, of Sikeston, was here Friday having his application for certificate to practice in the county acknowledged by the county clerk.

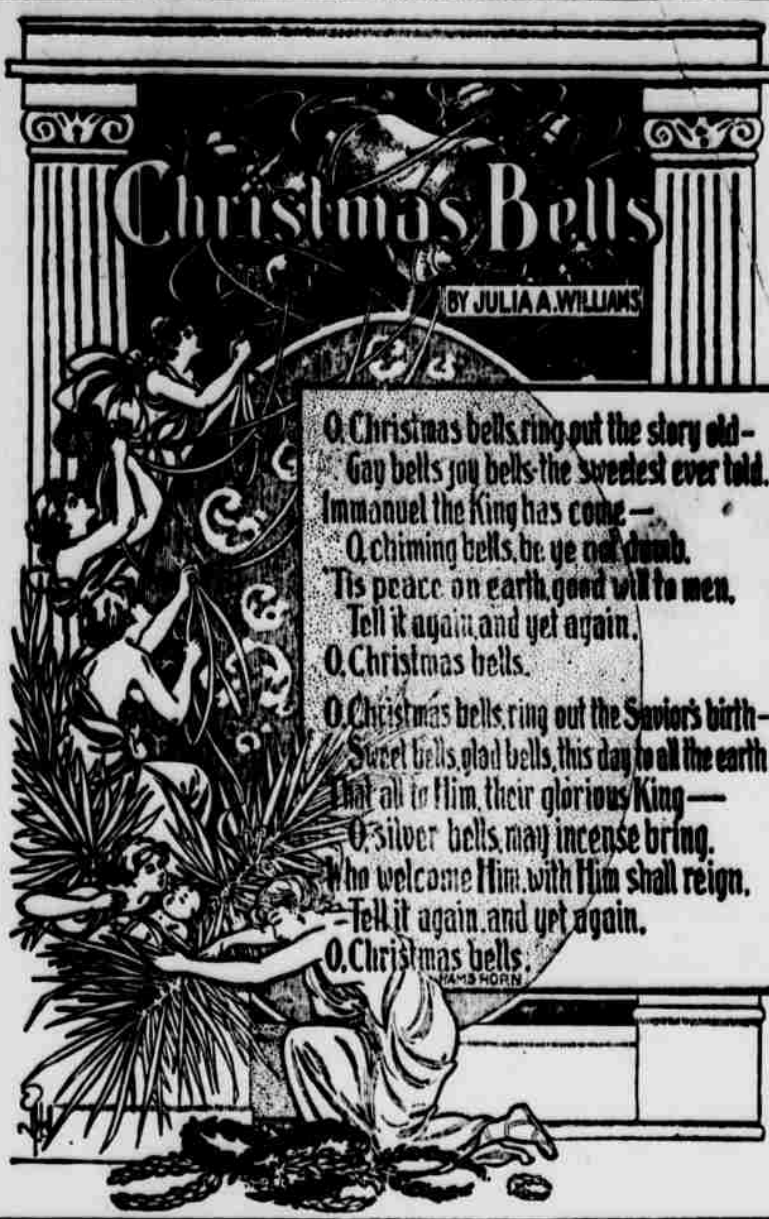
Mrs. Arthur Galtier died at her home in Commerce Tuesday, aged 81 years. Her remains were interred in Oak Grove cemetery on the following day.

L. A. Reynolds of Commerce, administrator of the estate of the late George Harrison, transacted business in the Probate office Monday.

The Freeling family moved into their new home this week. Dr. Bagwell came up Tuesday and remained over night with them.

J. W. Huff and family, formerly of the Sandyswoods, now live west of Oran. They were here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Enderlee of Kelso visited the family of Andy



Robert, near town Tuesday.

Otto, son of Solomon Diebold, was here Friday. He says his father's injured foot is improving.

Oliver Conclenton and his uncle, W. B., also E. W. McDonough of Morley were here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schiwitz of Commerce were Benton visitors Tuesday.

Johnnie Easner is expected home from Texarkanna to spend the holidays.

## FROM MORLEY.

To the Lovers of Music: If you wish to make a nice Christmas present to a friend why not get a copy of the sweet pathetic song, "Since You've Gone Home," by Mrs. C. E. Leslie? Now on sale at C. D. Harris' Drug Store; also at B. S. Curd's.

Cab Willmuth, who was called to his old home in Illinois on account of the illness of his mother, has returned. His mother died while he was at home.

Cale Lancaster and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine new boy which came the 20th. Now Cale treat him right—hang up his stockings.

The merchants have put on extra clerks and Christmas goods are going like hot cakes—all on account of advertising them in the Kicker.

There will be a representation of a manger and the distribution of presents therefrom at the city hall Saturday evening.

Oliver Carter vacated the Charley Harris property and moved to a farm near Vanduser.

Leslie Woodward's wife, who died of pneumonia at Edna, was buried here Sunday.

Carlisle Nuckles and Henry Cunningham have each had a case of the mumps.

Geo. Howle bought the Medlin property and moved into it this week.

Charles Diamond has been very sick with pneumonia but is improving.

George Watson's family are all up again after a siege of diphtheria.

There has been a great deal of sickness in our community recently.

Major Ward is having a lot of his

Oliver Conclenton built an addition to his barn recently.

Mrs. Lydia Smith moved to her new home Monday.

Go Bryant has moved to Nashville, Arkansas.

Hog killing is the order of the day.

## FROM FORT FELT.

J. D. Van Etten of Cape Girardeau spent Saturday here. Mr. Van Etten was formerly in the merchandise business in Graysboro but is now in the piano business, with headquarters at Indianapolis, Ind.

Died, Saturday, Dec. 16, of pneumonia, Mrs. Lillie Woodward. Remains were taken to Morley Sunday for interment.

The family of A. Baudendistle are now at home in Edna and are occupying a neat residence in the Schutte Addition.

Mr. Kaiser, the blacksmith, has his house nearly completed and will bring his family here next week.

Dr. G. S. Cannon made a business trip to the county seat Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Dinger, who has been dangerously ill, is some better.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Emil Eifert, Monday, Dec. 18, a big boy.

Theo. Roth's new residence is nearing completion.

## FROM MACEDONIA.

There will be an entertainment and box supper at the school house Friday night, Dec. 22. All people are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. George Buck were visitors at J. M. Spradlin's Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Rose and Belle Garvey were visitors at Edna and Illmo Saturday.

Mr. Wagner of Big Island spent Sunday with Mr. Sanders.

Little Carl Taylor is spending a few days at Vanduser.

John Hucks has returned to his home in Illinois.

Miss Addie Sanders spent Sunday with Miss Lofton.

There are a number of hunters here from St. Louis.

Mrs. Anna Ledure is quite sick at this writing.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, a girl.

There will be church here next Sunday.

## FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Grand-ma Kilbafner is the most remarkable woman in this section of the country. Although 75 years old she walks to Oran to visit her daughter. She boasts of walking a distance of three miles one day last fall to her son-in-law's and then digging ten sacks of potatoes before night. During harvest last season she made a hand in the field and shocked wheat. But she wasn't raised on chewing gum and candy.

The sale of the property of the late Margaret Blattel brought many people to town Saturday. John G. Scherer was auctioneer and when he held up a cup taken from the cupboard to offer it for sale he heard something rattle. It contained \$16 in gold. The dwelling was bought by Harman Glueck, of Kelso township for \$1,000.

When the farmers of the Scherer-ville neighborhood meet their conversation often drifts to the smooth life insurance agent that got among them last winter. They are wondering if he will pay them another visit soon. He seems to have left a lasting impression on them.

It is quite common for our farmers to get together, and when trading at Benton is mentioned nine out of ten will say, "I don't like to go there since Mr. Reeder has quit."

Our population continues to increase. Sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. John and Andrew Dirnberger, and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Westrich last week.

Wendoline Scherer is reported sick and Mrs. Theophil Scherer, who has been sick for some time, is improving.

A. O. Gryteng and J. O. Hess, of Oran, finished their work on the school building Saturday.

John J. Brannon, of the Chaffee company, was here Sunday. Also Mr. and Mrs. Phil Hafner.

Owing to the illness of the teacher, Miss Lucile Arnold, Scherer-ville school was closed last week.

Otto Heisserer, of Kelso, visited Scherer-ville Sunday. He is pretty regular—rain or shine.

Friday Joe Glueck, Jr. started to Cape after Xmas trix, but got no further than Kelso.

Arrangements are being made for the erection of a handsome steeple to our church.

Schoen & Co. have a nice display of Christmas goods and are selling much.

Louis Schitter was at Benton Saturday.

## FROM ROCK CHURCH.

Ernest Filert, son of Casper Eifert, and Johanna Roth, daughter of Casper Roth, will be married by Rev. Fuehler at the Lutheran church Sunday, December 24. After the ceremony the wedding feast will be celebrated at the bride's fathers. There is a rumor to the effect that the natives in this neighborhood are abstaining from food so as to have a good appetite on that day.

Miss Annie Albrecht, teacher at the Head school, has quite a large attendance and is getting on well.

A Christmas tree for the children at the Lutheran church will be one of the Christmas attractions.

Mrs. Fuehler, wife of our minister, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is recovering.

Miss Lizzie Albrecht will be home from St. Louis to spend the holidays with pa and ma.

I have farms for sale of various sizes in Scott county near Illmo, Kelso, New Hamburg, Oran, Morley, Benton, Cary, Blodgett, Diehlstadt and Commerce. Also improved and unimproved lands in the state of Arkansas. If you want to sell list your farm or property with me. I stand a hundred chances to sell to your one. If you want to buy, see 10 D. H. HARPER, Benton, Mo.

Judge Samuel Hitt died at his home in Cape Girardeau last Tuesday, aged 70 years.

Lost—A bird dog about one year old, color white. Finder will be liberally rewarded. C. N. Mosley, Benton

When in need of Coal, Lime or Cement call on Geo. Kenner, Ancell or Edna. Orders promptly filled. 4-4t

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new holes in which to stick political pegs. We have all sorts of inspect-